



REPORT TO AMS COUNCIL

SUBJECT	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OCTOBER MONTHLY REPORT
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**DESCRIPTION &
RATIONALE**

As per AMS Council's request for further information on the Executive Committee's ongoing, this report attaches the Executive Committee October monthly report. This details what the Executive Committee has discussed or decided upon at its meetings.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October Monthly Report

The Executive Committee met a total of four times during the month of October and discussed a range of topics. Below is a summary of some of the discussions and decisions that occurred at the Executive Committee.

AMS Annual General Meeting

The Executive Committee received updates and discussed plans regarding the AMS Annual General Meeting (“AGM”). The Executives agreed to provide updates regarding all the work that has been completed so far by each portfolio as well as using the upcoming AMS Strategic Plan and a post-AGM networking event to market the AGM.

Executive Goals Report

The Executive Committee was notified of the requirement to submit and present an Executive Goals progress report to the AMS Council in the month of November. The Executives agreed to meet back later this month to discuss progress on writing the reports to complete the project in time. In addition, the Executives were assigned permanent staff members to go over their progress. However, since the Policy Advisor position was vacant, the President was assigned to work the Vice-President, Academic & University Affairs and the Vice-President, External Affairs on their progress reports.

Provincial Lobby Trip

The Executive Committee received an update from the Vice-President, External Affairs regarding her upcoming provincial lobby trip. The update highlighted that the AMS will be collaborating with the BC Federation of Students on this lobby trip. The three main priorities from the AMS are (1) student financial aid, (2) BC government committing to reconciliation through education, (3) supporting and funding post-secondary institution through their sexual violence support offices. The Vice-President, External Affairs will come back to the Executive Committee with an update on how the lobby trip went.

Stratagem Conference

The Executive Committee received an update from the Vice-President, Academic & University Affairs on her learning experiences from her attendance at the Stratagem Conference. The Executives agreed to study if the learning experiences from the Stratagem Conference can be included in the Executive Orientations.

Services Review Working Group

The Executive Committee received a draft of the Services Review Working Group from the Senior Services Manager. The Executives approved the creation of the Working Group, but noted that the Review needed to be completed by the beginning of February 2020.

Espresso Machine Replacement

The Executive Committee received a presentation from the Managing Director with a proposal to recommend to AMS Council the disbursement of funds to purchase two new espresso machines for Blue Chip. The Managing Director noted the reason why this purchase should be made is because the current espresso machines at Blue Chip had broken down. The Executives approved the recommendation to AMS Council to disburse the necessary funds to purchase two new espresso machines.

Quarterly Reports

The Executive Committee received notice from the Vice-President, Finance that all departments should be submitting their Q2 financial reports to her. These financial reports are mandated by AMS Code of Procedures and will be later presented to AMS Council in November 2019.

AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan

The Executive Committee received an update from the President regarding the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan and the renegotiation of the AMS's agreement with StudentCare. The update included information that the Vice-President, Finance, the Managing Director, and the TRG Group are conducting a request for proposals for health providers for the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan. In addition, the Executives requested that StudentCare provide AMS Council with a presentation on the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan and its usages during the 2018/19 fiscal year.

RBC Workshops

The Executive Committee received an update from the Vice-President, Finance on the success of the RBC Workshops. The RBC Workshops provided many students with information on budgeting, debit and credit, loans, taxes, and investments. In addition, the Vice-President, Finance emphasized that the Workshops were branded with AMS logos and excluded any RBC marketing.

AMS Audit and Financial Statements 2018/19

The Executive Committee received a presentation from the Managing Director breaking down the AMS Financial Statements 2018/19. The Managing Director highlighted that the AMS had a \$1,969,233 surplus for the 2018/19 fiscal year, mainly due to the increased return on divesting the AMS investments from fossil fuels and the refinancing of the AMS's loan on the Nest building. However, the Managing Director noted that the AMS still retains a \$4.019 million operating deficit due to the renovations of the lower level of the Life Building not falling under the scope of the loan on the Nest building.

Lennon Wall

The Executive Committee received an update from the Vice-President, Administration on the Lennon Wall in the Nest building. The Vice-President, Administration highlighted that the Lennon Wall is considered protected from vandalism, but due to the workload associated with ensuring that it was monitored constantly, the Executive Committee should decide on how long the AMS intended to keep the Lennon Wall displayed. The Executive Committee agreed that keeping the Lennon Wall displayed until the end of October 2019 was a fair amount of time.